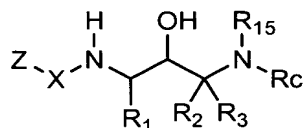


ABSTRACT

Disclosed are compounds of the formula:



where variables Z, X, R₁₅, R₂, R₃, and R_c are defined herein.

- 5 Compounds disclosed herein are inhibitors of the beta-secretase enzyme and are therefore useful in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other diseases characterized by deposition of A beta peptide in a mammal.

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